



38. (Previously Presented) The vegetable peeler according to claim 35, wherein the cross-piece extends transversely to peeling direction and is formed as a design or advertising surface.

39. (Previously Presented) The vegetable peeler according to claim 35, wherein the cross-piece is vaulted convex in upward direction away from the peeling blade or concave in downward direction towards the peeling blade.

40. (Previously Presented) The vegetable peeler according to claim 35, wherein the peeling blade is formed as a pendulum blade rotatably held at the lateral gripping surfaces.

41. (Previously Presented) The vegetable peeler according to claim 35, wherein the lateral gripping surfaces and the cross-piece are integrally or multisectionally formed.

42. (Previously Presented) The vegetable peeler according to claim 35, wherein a gripping depression is formed into each lateral gripping surface.

43. (Previously Presented) The vegetable peeler according to claim 35, wherein at least one of the lateral gripping surfaces comprises an abutment for the peeling blade.

44.-46. (Cancelled).

47. (Previously Presented) The vegetable peeler according to claim 35, wherein the cross-piece is flat.

48. (Cancelled).

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49. (Previously Presented) The vegetable peeler according to claim 41, where the lateral gripping surfaces and the cross-piece are made from at least one of a sheet metal and plastic-material.

50. (Cancelled).

51. (Previously Presented) The vegetable peeler according to claim 35, wherein the peeling blade is straight.

52. (Previously Presented) The vegetable peeler according to claim 47, wherein the peeling blade and the cross-piece are arranged such that the peeling blade is observable from above.

53. (Previously Presented) The vegetable peeler according to claim 35, wherein the crosspiece extends parallel to the peeling blade.